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### **EARLY RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2007 (hereinafter “the Final Office Action”), finally rejecting claims 1, 6-10, 12-16, 18-21 and 28-36, Applicants hereby submit the present response with respect to the above-identified U.S. patent application.

**A Complete Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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